



'A Good First Step'

As Micah Kane, the new chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, reflected on the lobbying efforts in late February with Governor Linda Lingle which sought passage of the Native Hawaiian Federal Recognition Bill or the Akaka Bill, he simply stated "It was a good first step."

was in support of the bill" shared Kane. "That was a good first step," he added.

In her testimony, Governor Lingle said "As a Republican Governor, I am happy to be working in close harmony with our Hawaii Democratic Congressional Delegation on this critically important issue. Senator Inouye, Senator Akaka,

America," Lingle continued.

She added that the Akaka bill will provide Native Hawaiians "with an opportunity owed to them for many years--the right to engage their best talents and best ideas a full partners of the state and federal governments. Passage of this bill holds great promise for Native Hawaiians, and it holds great promise for our state and all its citizens. My administration believes that what is just and good for native Hawaiians is just and good for all our people."

In his testimony, HHC Chairman Micah Kane focused on three issues. First--where the support for this bill is coming from. Second--the economic realities of this measure. And third--the practical reasoning which supports the passage of this bill.

Kane stated "There is broad and deep support from Hawaiian and non-Hawaiian communities alike, and Republican and Democratic party lines. Our entire congressional delegation

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Governor Linda Lingle observes HHC Chairman Micah Kane as he presents testimony on the Akaka Bill to the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs.

Kane said that the governor displayed her "full support of the Native Hawaiian community" during the trip and added that the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands has "a big role" in the fulfillment of her campaign promise to the Native Hawaiians.

He said that he and Governor Lingle met with some of President Bush's cabinet members prior to Senate hearing. Kane added they were well received by Attorney General John Ashcroft. "He was curious, fact finding, but made no commitment," Kane assessed.

Kane said that Governor Lingle met with Interior Secretary Gale Norton. At the hearing of the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs, Chairman Ben Campbell "informed us that he received a call from Secretary Norton saying that the Department of the Interior

Representative Case and Representative Abercrombie stand united in their support, and I proudly stand with them, along with the Hawaii State Legislature."

She continued that "We recognize that there will be differences of opinion in our approaches to many of the challenges we face, but we also recognize the value of aloha and working in a bi-partisan manner to resolve issues of great importance to the people of our state."

"We are united in asking Congress to pass the Akaka Bill into law, thereby reaffirming the political relationship between the United States and the indigenous people of Hawaii," the Governor stated. "This bill is vital to the survival of the Native Hawaiian people; it is vital to the continued character of our state; and it is vital to providing parity and consistency in federal policy for all Native peoples in

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Inadvertent Discovery of Partial Human Remains at Kahikinui

Public Notice:

Notice is hereby given under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 (P.L. 101-601, 25 USC 3002) and Chapter 6E, Hawaii Revised Statutes, of the inadvertent discovery of partial human remains on Hawaiian home lands at Kahikinui on the Island of Maui. No artifacts or other

cultural material were found in association with the scattered remains which consist of a cranium fragment, a partial jawbone with two incisors, and a scattering of smaller bones. By condition and location, at an approximate elevation of 2,300 feet (710 meters) above mean sea level, the fragments are believed those of an ancient Hawaiian.

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DHHL Upgrading Infrastructure at Oldest Nanakuli Subdivision

Former Hawaiian Homes Commission Chairman Hoaliku Drake was the honored guest, as federal, state, county, community leaders and homestead residents joined the Hawaiian Homes Commission on November 18th in a ceremony that blessed infrastructure improvement construction that upgrades on-site improvements for 52 homes in one of Nanakuli's oldest subdivisions.

Called the Nanaikapono Subdivision Upgrade, the project provides infrastructure improvements to the roadway, drainage, sewer, water

and electrical systems. The homestead leases in subdivision were issued in the 1930s and 1940s when homesteaders were responsible for all on-site improvements, excluding roads and water.

When infrastructure improvements are completed, the subdivision will be safer for drivers and pedestrians. The improvements will alleviate flooding conditions and provide sewer service to the oceanfront subdivision. Fire protection standards will meet the current county standards.

The improvements will also permit

some of the current lessees to subdivide their leasehold lots and to qualify for various loan programs.

The contractor for the \$3.9 million project is Highway Construction Company, Ltd., with Earth Tech, Inc. providing engineering consulting services. Duration of construction is estimated at 18 months. Pat Young of the department's Design & Construction branch is the project manager and can be reached at 586-3819.



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DHHL Maui Island Plan

The department is in the process of planning for land-uses and development on over 30,000 acres of Hawaiian home lands on Maui. The purpose of the Maui Island Plan is to coordinate development activities with our native Hawaiian beneficiaries, public agencies and private organizations that will be impacted by homesteading projects on Maui.

Critical to the success of this planning process is community participation. We value proactive participation and believe it will result in partnerships that will provide for more effective

management of the Hawaiian home lands trust and encourage efficient development and delivery of lands to its beneficiaries. The Maui island planning process provides opportunities for people to participate via survey, working groups, regional planning workshops and site visits and general community meetings held island wide.

For more information about the Maui Island Plan and upcoming meetings and public presentations, please call Daniel Ornellas of the Planning Office at 586-3836 or visit our website at www.state.hi.us/dhhl.

Ceiling Raised for VA Native American Direct Loan Program

DHHL received notification from the Department of Veterans Affairs that our request for an increase in the loan amount for the VA Native American Direct Loan Program has been approved.

DHHL requested the increase because the former \$120,000 maximum loan amount was not quite

adequate to buy homes without a sizeable down payment. In many cases, the veteran has been required to finance the home with a less favorable loan program, or be disqualified for the purchase.

The Department of Veteran Affairs, after evaluating the information submitted in conjunction with our request, decided that it would be more appro-

priate to increase the amount allowable to \$230,000.

Thomas Serocca, VA Loan Guaranty Officer, said "This would permit additional flexibility for your planning and allow our veterans the opportunity to build a better quality single family home, both now and in the years ahead."

Joining Other Hawaiian Home Lands Communities

Malu'ohai at the Villages of Kapolei:

Federal, state, county and community leaders joined the Hawaiian Homes Commission and the Malu'ohai Residents Association on October 5, 2002 to commemorate the completion of Phases 1 and 2 of the Malu'ohai subdivision in the Villages of Kapolei and to welcome the self-help participants of Phase 3.

The 37.8 acres of Malu'ohai, Village 6, became Hawaiian home lands in 1996 as part of the land claims settlement. This is the first DHHL subdivision to utilize three housing development strategies to address the housing needs of beneficiaries at different income levels. Phase 1 is a turnkey project, Phase 2 is a rent-to-own development and Phase 3 is a mutual self-help project.

DHHL, as master developer, contracted Kiewit Pacific Co. to construct site infrastructure for all phases at a cost of \$10 million. The land was subdivided into 226 single family lots with a minimum of 5,000 square feet and completed in March 2001.

DHHL also developed Phase 1, 111 single-family, turnkey homes on 19.1 acres with no income restrictions. The

homes ranged from \$120,000 for a 3-bedroom, 2-bath single story home to \$170,000 for a four-bedroom, three-bath, two story home. Shioi Construction completed the homes in



Rev. Kaleo Patterson blesses the Malu'ohai subdivision in the Villages of Kapolei.

November 2001 at a cost of \$14 million. All homes were occupied by February 2002.

"Kapolei Ho'olimalima," Phase 2, is a 70 unit rent-to-own program developed and managed by Mark Development, Inc. This phase targeted beneficiaries with incomes of less than 60 percent of the Oahu median income. For the first time on a DHHL project, federal and state Low Income Housing Tax Credits were utilized. After 15

years, renters have an option to purchase the units at a subsidized price. Hawaiian Dredging & Construction completed the homes at a cost of \$9 million in December 2001. The homes were occupied by the end of 2001.

Phase 3 of Malu'ohai is a 45 unit mutual self-help project developed by Menehune Development Company with technical assistance being provided by Honolulu Habitat for Humanity. This is the first self-help project in the Villages of Kapolei. To contain prices, beneficiaries will contribute "sweat equity" and USDA - Rural Development will provide a technical assistance grant. These 3-bedroom, 2-bath homes will cost beneficiaries \$70,000 and are expected to be completed by the middle of 2004. The first hui of 11 families should move in by the end of 2003.

Then-Hawaiian Homes Commission Chairman Raynard C. Soon introduced the charter officers for the Malu'ohai Residents Association. The new officers are: Kawika Kane, president; Shirley Swinney, vice president; Kuuipo Julius, secretary; Wyllace Yoshimoto, treasurer; and Nicole Hussy, Homelani Schaedel and Lawrence Myers as directors.

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supports this measure and Governor Lingle has made its passage a major objective of her administration. It is also backed by resolutions passed by the Hawaii State Legislature, the National American Indian Housing Council, the National Congress of American Indians, and the Alaska Federation of Natives, and it has been included in the national and Hawaii platforms for the Republican and Democratic parties. Most importantly to me, the homestead communities to which I am accountable also support this measure. In short, the Akaka

bill is supported by the people most directly affected by it, and also by people with no vested or common interest other than a desire to see justice done."

On the second issue, Kane stated "The Akaka bill would eliminate legal problems and uncertainties that have adversely affected the Hawaii economy. These troubling and unsettled issues relate to property title, ceded land claims, and rights to natural resources. Without federal recognition of Native Hawaiians, the State of Hawaii will spend thousands of unnecessary man-hours and millions of taxpayer dollars defending and clarifying Native Hawaiian rights. Enactment of the Akaka bill would bring closure and

allow our state to move forward."

On the third issue, Kane said "The Akaka bill simply completes a journey that Congress began many years ago. There are over 150 statutes passed by Congress which address the conditions and lives of Native Hawaiians. The goal has been to redress past wrongs and empower self-help. I would humbly submit that passage of this bill rightfully extends the successes of our country's era of self-determination for its native peoples to Native Hawaiians. It would allow us to control our destiny as a native people and thus participate more fully and more proudly as Americans."

Lana'i Project Blessed

State, county, community leaders and Lanai applicants joined the Hawaiian Homes Commission at Lana'i City on November 22, 2002 to bless the Ha'uowi project or the Lana'i Residence Lots. The first phase calls for the development of 35 single-family residential lots.

In September 1999, Castle & Cooke, Inc. and Lanai Company, Inc. donated 50 acres of land to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL.) The two contiguous parcels, located at the northwestern edge of Lana'i City, are the first Lana'i lands in DHHL's land inventory. The deed restricted the land to be used for residential purposes and contains covenants as to the design, quality and density of development; requires preference be given to native Hawaiian residents of Lana'i; and requires that at least 25 housing units be constructed within 10 years.

"This is a tremendously exciting time for the department and native Hawaiian residents on Lana'i," exclaimed then-Hawaiian Homes Commission Chairman Raynard C. Soon. "Lana'i was left out in 1921 (when the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act was signed into law) and with the generous donation of land from Lanai Company, we are now able to offer our homesteading program to native Hawaiians on Lana'i. We are currently turning dirt and making available homesteads in many areas. It's

time to include Lana'i as well."

DHHL began discussions with the Lana'i residents to identify native Hawaiians living on the island and gathering input towards the planning of the project in mid-2000. Currently, the project is expected to consist of 124 single-family homes and 20 multi-family units. DHHL has committed \$4.8 mil-

of the Hawaiian Home Lands island-wide waiting lists, as of April 30, 2002.

The project engineer is Belt Collins Hawaii. Maui Architectural Group is the development manager. Lokahi Pacific is providing marketing and financial services. Capital Solutions Hawaii is providing community relations and fund development. Okamoto



Lanai applicants express their excitement during the Lanai Residence Lots blessing.

lion for infrastructure improvements to support the first 35 residential lots as part of Phase I.

To be eligible to participate in Phase I of this project, applicants must be a resident of Lana'i and have been on any

Realty is providing real estate coordination. For more information, Michele Otake of the department's Master-Planned Community Branch is the project manager and can be reached at 587-6451.

Inadvertent Discovery

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Therefore, federal guidelines implementing the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) will be followed.

The remains were first encountered on January 25, 2001 in an area which has been subdivided for homestead lots by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL). To preclude damage from weather and runoff, the remains were collected and have

been stored by the State Historic Preservation Division.

The DHHL's intent is to reinter the remains on the same lot where it was found, but in a location where it will not be disturbed while allowing use of the remaining area by a kuleana homesteader. Before proceeding, we offer possible lineal descendants and other interested parties to come forward.

Historical records show the following Land Commission Awards in nearby ahupua'a: at Auwahi to R. Keelikolani, 5280 acres (LCA #7716); at Lualailua to Makaole, 12.32 acres (LCA #5404).

All parties who may have an interest or may have knowledge regarding these remains are asked to contact Kala'auho Wahilani of the State Historic Preservation Division at (808) 692-8015 or Vanessa Medeiros of DHHL's Maui District Office at (808) 984-2120. Individuals making a claim should be able to demonstrate family connection to the human remains or to the district of Kahikinui pursuant to the implementing NAGPRA regulations.

2003 Hawaiian Homes Commission Meeting Schedule

The meeting schedule for the Hawaiian Homes Commission (HHC) for the rest of the 2003 calendar year is listed below. Homestead community meetings will commence in March and continue through December.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>MEETING TYPE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
April 28	Community	Waianae, Oahu
April 29	Regular	Honolulu (DHHL)
May 19	Community	Anahola, Hawaii
May 20	Regular	Lihue, Hawaii
June 23	Community	Papakolea, Oahu
June 24	Regular	Honolulu (DHHL)
July 21	Community	Kona, Hawaii
July 22	Regular	Kona, Hawaii
August 25	Community	Waimea, Hawaii
August 26	Regular	Waimea, Hawaii
September 22	Community	Paukukalo, Maui
September 23	Regular	Paukukalo, Maui
October 20	Community	Lanai City, Lanai
October 21	Regular	Lanai City, Lana
November 17	Community	Nanakuli, Oahu
November 18	Regular	Honolulu (DHHL)
December 15	Community	Waimanalo, Oahu
December 16	Regular	Honolulu (DHHL)



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